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BRAZIL'S SENATE DISMISSES ROUSSEFF FOR BREAKING BUDGET LAWS

Brazil's Senate removed President Dilma Rousseff from office on Wednesday for breaking budgetary laws, ending an impeachment process that has polarized the scandal-plagued country and paralyzed its politics for nine months. Senators voted 61-20 to convict Rousseff for illegally using money from state banks to boost public spending, putting an end to 13 years of leftist Workers Party rule in Latin America's largest economy. Conservative Michel Temer, the former vice president who has run Brazil since Rousseff's suspension in May, will be sworn in on Wednesday to serve out the remainder of the presidential term through 2018. A separate Senate vote will be held on whether Rousseff will be barred from public office for eight years. **REUTERS**

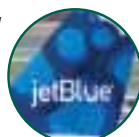


NORTH KOREA EXECUTES VICE PREMIER IN LATEST PURGE: SOUTH

2 North Korea executed its vice premier for education and rebuked two high-ranking officials, South Korea said on Wednesday, which, if true, would mark a new series of measures by leader Kim Jong Un to discipline top aides. Kim took power in 2011 after the death of his father, Kim Jong Il, and his consolidation of power has included purges and executions of top officials, South Korean officials have said. South Korea's Unification Ministry spokesman Jeong Joon-hee said the government had confirmed the execution of the education official, Kim Yong Jin, "through various channels" but declined to provide details. Kim Yong Chol, the influential head of the North's United Front Department which handles inter-Korean relations, was made to undergo "revolutionary measures," Jeong told a briefing. Another ruling party official in the propaganda department was also reprimanded, Jeong said. **REUTERS**

FIRST US-CUBA PASSENGER FLIGHT IN DECADES ARRIVES

3 A JetBlue plane landed in the central Cuban city of Santa Clara on Wednesday, becoming the first scheduled commercial passenger flight from the United States to the island in more than a half century. The arrival of the Airbus A320 from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, opened another chapter in the Obama administration's efforts to improve ties and increase trade and travel with the former Cold War foe. The Obama administration hopes regular scheduled flights will usher in an era of more routine travel to and from the Communist-ruled island. U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, JetBlue Chief Executive Officer Robin Hayes, other officials and journalists were aboard the plane. Regular travelers, including some of Cuban descent, occupied nearly half the seats. **REUTERS**



Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

Trump discusses border wall with Mexico, sidesteps payment issue

Trump is trailing Democratic rival Hillary Clinton in opinion polls for the Nov. 8 election.

Donald Trump told Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto on Wednesday that the United States has the right to build a border wall to halt illegal immigration, but the Republican presidential candidate did not bring up his signature demand that Mexico pay for it.

In an unexpected trip to a country that he has vilified for causing illegal immigration and drug smuggling into the United States, Trump held talks with the Mexican leader at his Los Pinos residence for about an hour.

"We did discuss the wall, we didn't discuss payment of the wall, that will be at a later date, this was a very preliminary meeting. It was an excellent meeting," Trump said.

Trump is trailing

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Democratic rival Hillary Clinton in opinion polls for the Nov. 8 election. The New York businessman's aides hoped the trip would make him look presidential and show he is willing to deal head on with a thorny issue like relations with Mexico.

But his omission of asking Mexico to pay for the wall during Wednesday's talks was notable.

Trump's call for Mexico to fund the wall is often the central moment of his campaign rallies. He asks the crowd who will pay for the wall, and supporters shout back, "Mexico!"

Mexican opposition politicians attacked Pena Nieto for hosting Trump. The Republican candidate first made his accusations that Mexico is sending criminals and rapists across the border and pledged to build a wall that Mexico would pay for when he launched his presidential bid in June last year. He has also accused Mexico of cheating the United States on trade.

The Mexican president

said the many millions of Mexicans in the United States deserve respect, but offered only a mild rebuke of Trump for his rhetoric.

"The Mexican people has felt aggrieved by comments that have been made, but I was sure his interest in building a relationship is genuine," Pena Nieto said at a joint media event after the talks.

A few dozen demonstrators gathered beneath a monument to Mexican independence in the center of the capital to protest the visit, some holding placards emblazoned with captions such as "You are not Wall-come" and "Trump and Pena out."

Pena Nieto has been enmeshed in his own controversies, including over whether he plagiarized some of his 1991 undergraduate law thesis.

Trump's visit to Mexico City took place hours before he was due to deliver a highly anticipated speech in the U.S. border state of Arizona on how he would tackle illegal immigration if he wins the election.

Trump has been pilloried in Mexico since he launched his White House campaign last year.

He has pledged to renegotiate or scrap the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement trade deal between the United States, Mexico and

Mexican president says he made clear that Mexico will not pay for wall

Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto said on Wednesday he told Donald Trump that Mexico will not pay for his proposed wall along the Mexico-U.S. border, contradicting Trump's statement earlier that they didn't discuss payment. "At the beginning of the conversation with Donald Trump, I made it clear that Mexico will not pay for the wall," Pena Nieto said via Twitter in Spanish.

Canada.

Clinton, a former secretary of state, said Trump could not paper over his previous harsh language against Mexico, which helped him defeat 16 rivals for the Republican presidential nomination.

"It certainly takes more than trying to make up for more than a year of insults and insinuations by dropping in on our neighbors for a few hours and then flying home again," she told a convention of the American Legion military veterans' group in Cincinnati.

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Mapping NYC's storefront blight



A map of vacant storefronts VACANTNEWYORK.COM



Small stores and restaurants close because of high rent, and then the storefront is left vacant. GETTY IMAGES

A programmer has created a site to map Manhattan's storefront vacancies, claiming high rents are to blame for the blight.

There's definitely no shortage of Duane Reades, Starbucks, and banks lining Manhattan's streets, but other than these national chains, it's hard for small business owners to afford the

city's soaring commercial rents, and these mom-and-pops are currently lacking any protections from landlords.

In some areas, this has created a chain store monopoly, while in others it's left stretches of otherwise popular streets with large numbers of vacant storefronts. Programmer Justin Levinson is exploring the latter through a new map called Vacant New York, which provides a startling picture of Manhattan's shuttered storefronts and its high-

1,000

ESTIMATED VACANCIES IN MANHATTAN

rent blight.

As the site explains, restaurant leases tend to last an average of 10 years, with those for chains increasing to 20 years. So landlords want to get the highest possible rent from the start, and to do this they'll often leave spaces vacant while they hold out for

bigger, higher-paying tenants.

The other issue is that the rent is just too high. A small Lower East Side storefront will cost about \$8,000 a month, while a restaurant space on Madison Avenue is asking a whopping \$290,000. Oftentimes only huge chains can af-

ford these five- and six-figure rents, but their slow negotiating pace leaves storefronts vacant. The site points to Soho as a prime example—"one of the most expensive shopping districts in the city is littered with vacancies."

It should be noted that the city has no database for commercial vacancies. Levinson culled his data by visiting brokers' websites and personally walking the streets and looking for shuttered, for-rent storefronts. In

Manhattan, he located about 1,000 vacancies, but he's open to corrections and additions from the public.

He hopes his project will spur advocacy for reforms such as the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, a plan to help businesses negotiate lease renewals and reasonable rent increases.

DANA SCHULZ



Police sketch released in murder case of Queens jogger

The NYPD released Wednesday a sketch of a witness they want to identify and question in the murder of Queens jogger Karina Vetrano.

In the month since her death no suspect has been identified and there has been little progress in the investigation, despite approximately 85 tips submitted to police, ABC News reported.

Vetrano, 30, was found raped and strangled to death on Aug. 2 alongside a path she frequently ran with her father in Howard Beach.

Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce said the killing is believed to be a random attack, and emphasized that the witness depicted in the sketch is



The sketch is of a man police might think is a witness. NYPD

not a suspect nor person of interest, but was allegedly in the vicinity at the time Vetrano went missing.

The witness was de-

scribed by a utility worker reporting to the sketch artist as a black man, between the age of 35 and 45, and is about 5-feet-10 and of medium build.

The victim's parents, Phillip and Cathie Vetrano, had set up a GoFundMe page that has raised more than \$250,000 as a reward to anyone with information leading to an arrest. Last week the office of Mayor de Blasio added another \$10,000 to the \$25,000 reward being offered for information about the killing.

Anyone with information is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website or by texting their tips to 274637 (CRIMES) then enter TIP577. All calls are strictly confidential.

AMANDA MIKELBERG

J'OUVERT MEASURES

Mayor promises 'extraordinary efforts' to protect J'Ouvert revelers

Mayor Bill de Blasio on Wednesday pledged "extraordinary efforts" to safeguard revelers who will attend this weekend's J'Ouvert festivities, the annual celebration of Caribbean culture.

The mayor and police officials have in recent days held several news conferences to announce their specific measures to control and police the parade.

Their main measures were to require J'Ouvert for the first time to file for a permit detailing the path of the parade, and to double the number of officers policing the event.

"A few bad apples over the years have caused trouble," de Blasio said at a news conference announcing the security measures. "We are not going to let a few bad apples destroy something that's so important to hundreds of thousands of good New Yorkers. We're going to make sure that J'Ouvert and the parade are safer than ever."

West Indian Day Parade revelers
BESS ADLER

J'Ouvert, which literally means "daybreak," is the pre-dusk Caribbean Pride party that precedes Brooklyn's annual West Indian Day Parade and festival on Labor Day. It is a high-energy celebration of Caribbean culture that will draw close to a million people to the neighborhood at 2 a.m. on Sept. 5.

Last year's multiple shootings in the area, which included the death of Carey Gabay, an attorney working for Gov. Andrew Cuomo, brought J'Ouvert under intense scrutiny and unapologetic warnings from the NYPD about violence. AMANDA MIKELBERG

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Comptroller: Companies owe \$5M in unpaid wages to 1,000 people

Scott Stringer announces wage campaign for Labor Rights Week.



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More than 1,000 people are owed more than \$5 million in unclaimed wages and New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer announced a "Know Your Rights" campaign on Wednesday to connect the workers with the wages as part of Labor Rights Week, which began Tuesday and runs through Sept. 4.

The comptroller's office is holding more than \$5 million in unclaimed prevailing wages for more than 1,000 workers who were underpaid by contractors on city-funded projects, the of-



Stringer speaks about the wages. For a list of debarred companies, visit Metro.us. PROVIDED

fice said.

"Here at the comptroller's office, we believe that an honest day's work deserves an honest day's pay," Stringer said. "Since taking office, we've debarred 35 companies that have cheated workers out of their rightfully earned wages and recovered mil-

lions for hard-working men and women. Today we're joining with a coalition of partners to help ensure everyone knows their rights about prevailing wages and to send a message that we do not tolerate exploitation of workers, no matter their immigration status."

Under state law, the comptroller's office sets and enforces wages on New York City public works projects, such as renovating public schools, or on building service contracts with city agencies, like security guard and custodial work.

"Wage theft is a per-

sistent and pervasive problem in New York, especially for immigrant workers," said Lead Workplace Justice Organizer of Make the Road New York Meg Fosse. "Working people around New York are sick and tired of employers stealing their wages, and they are ready to fight for what's rightfully theirs."

Nearly \$18 million in prevailing wage violations have been assessed by the Comptroller's Bureau of Labor Law since 2014. More than \$8 million already has been paid to "workers who were cheated out of their wages," according to the comptroller's office.

"When greedy corporations cut corners they often see immigrant labor as the easiest target to take from," added Christopher Kui, executive director of Asian Americans For Equality, "and when

Are you owed money?

Stringer's office said anyone who thinks he or she is owed wages can call 212-669-4443, email laborlaw@comptroller.nyc.gov or check the unclaimed wages website.

these workers don't know their rights, or where to turn when they've been wronged, they can unjustly fall through the cracks."

Since August 2015, 84 individuals have been reunited with nearly \$600,000 in money they were owed, including seven people who eventually received nearly \$330,000.

The debarred companies are prohibited from bidding on city and state public works projects for five years.

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- Flatbush Av-bound** trains skip Jackson Av
- Service** is extended to New Lots Av
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Cops seek serial ice cream bandits



The suspect took Ben and Jerry's and Talenti ice cream. PROVIDED; MIKE MOZART / FLICKR CREATIVE COMMONS



Police are looking for two thieves with a sweet tooth who they say shoplifted 14 times from Manhattan drugstores — mainly in a quest for ice cream.

The suspects first struck last Nov. 16 at a CVS on Park Avenue, taking 40 containers of Haagen-Dazs, along with 25 Red Bulls, police said.

They continued their crime spree through the borough, hitting 13 more

CVS stores and Duane Reade locations through mid-January. The loot included nearly 1,000 Ben and Jerry's, Haagen-Dazs and Talenti ice cream products, several cans of Red Bull and Muscle Milk, and about \$1,000 in cold medications.

Police have released surveillance photos of the suspects captured at one of the thefts at a Duane Reade located at 67 Broad St. on Dec. 29,

2015, at about 8:40 a.m.

Anyone with information in regards to this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website or by texting their tips to 274637 (CRIMES) then entering TIP577. All calls are strictly confidential. CRISTABELLE TUMOLA

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PA native pleads for help from government in new Taliban video

The York County native has been reportedly held prisoner in Afghanistan since 2012.



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The couple is believed to be held in western tribal areas of Pakistan that are controlled by the Taliban's Haqqani network, according to ABC News.

The state department stressed that the video's validity is still being examined.

Past AP reports about the family describe Coleman and Boyle as meeting on the internet in 2011 and then spending months traveling in Latin America and living with indigenous Guatemalans. Though Coleman was pregnant, the couple wanted a second holiday adventure traveling through Central Asia and former Russian provinces — at the time they stopped making contact with their families in 2012, according to the Daily Beast. Shortly afterward, the couple's bank accounts were emptied.

Boyle's ex-wife was the sister of Omar Khadr, a Canadian who was detained for a decade in Guantanamo Bay after being arrested during a 2002 firefight in Afghanistan at age 16. Khadr was reportedly brought to the country to engage in jihad by his father, a radical.

During his relationship with the sister, Zainab Khadr, Boyle assisted her in speaking out about her brother's detainment, organized a hunger strike and acted as family spokesman to media, according to BuzzFeed. The Khadr family was rumored to have ties with Osama bin Laden, who may have attended one of Khadr's previous weddings.

Boyle had also converted to Islam prior to the kidnapping, GlobalNews reported.

A Taliban spokesman told the AP that the video was recorded in 2015.

Chilling new video released by the Taliban shows a York County woman who is believed to have given birth twice while in captivity, but the State Department is still evaluating the authenticity of the film.

Caitlin Coleman, of York County outside Philadelphia, and Canadian husband Joshua Boyle are believed to have been taken prisoner while visiting Afghanistan as tourists in 2012.

"Because of their fear they are willing to kill us, to kill women, to kill children, to kill whom-ever in order to get these policies reversed or to take revenge," a woman identified in Coleman says in video from the Taliban which the State Department just released.

Coleman begs the U.S. government to try to intervene and step up diplomatic pressure on the Taliban to save their lives in the video.

"I ask if my government can do anything to change the policies of the Afghan government, to stop their policy of executing men before these men start executing their prisoners, their family that they are holding," Coleman says before the video cuts out.

Coleman was reportedly pregnant when she was kidnapped, according to the Associated Press. She is believed to have given birth twice in captivity.

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Obama highlights climate progress at home before journey overseas

Obama is racing to cement his legacy on climate change before his presidency ends on Jan. 20.

President Barack Obama said on Wednesday that preserving natural places would help the world adapt to warming temperatures as he began a 10-day trip to stress the urgency of curbing climate change and attend a G20 meeting in China.

"The challenges of conservation and combating climate change are connected, they're linked," Obama said during a stop in Lake Tahoe, the deep alpine lake in the Sierra Nevada mountains on the Nevada-California border.

He was interrupted by protesters yelling: "Keep it in the ground,"

a campaign to limit fossil fuel production.

The tour leads up to a meeting in China on Saturday with Chinese President Xi Jinping, who is hosting the G20 group of leading economies.

Obama and Xi worked together last year to secure a global deal in Paris to cut carbon emissions and are expected to take the next steps soon to help bring the agreement into force.

At a Nevada summit on the health of Lake Tahoe, whose average surface temperature reached an all-time recorded high last year, Obama said he was proud his administration had invested in solar and wind power.

"These investments have helped drive down the cost of clean power so it's finally cheaper than dirty power in a lot



President Barack Obama GETTY IMAGES

of places," Obama said.

"It's been the smart and right thing to do," he said.

Green groups have urged Obama not to rest on his laurels. The

U.S. Supreme Court put his plan to slash carbon emissions from power plants on hold earlier this year.

"We're hoping that he will actually with-

"These investments have helped drive down the cost of clean power so it's finally cheaper than dirty power in a lot of places."

Obama

draw the Arctic from his five-year plan on offshore drilling, like he did with the Atlantic, because it's an even worse place to drill," said marine biologist Jackie Savitz of the Oceana conservation group.

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BRIEF

Texas 'affluenza' teen seek his release from jail

Lawyers for the Texas "affluenza" teenager who killed four people while driving drunk are seeking to have him released from a two-year jail term, arguing the judge who sentenced him had no authority to place him in jail.

The attorneys for Ethan Couch claimed in a motion filed that Tarrant County Judge Wayne Salvant should not have sentenced Couch because the case became a civil matter, and not a criminal one, when it was transferred to the judge from the juvenile system.

Due to a gag order imposed by the judge, the defense lawyers, prosecutors and the judge did not offer comment on the motion.

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Violent gangs thrive in chaotic Venezuela despite crackdown



Venezuelan President
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The click-clack of guns being cocked echoes in the cement safe house where seven kidnappers keep watch over a western Caracas slum, their 33-year-old gang leader boasting of grenade attacks on police and growing wealth and power.

Venezuela's socialist economy is suffering triple-digit inflation, severe shortages and a third year of recession, but gangs like this have found strength and profit in the chaos.

They are teaming up with former rivals and buying heavier weapons to control ever-larger territory in the capital and beyond, the criminals, the government and criminologists say.

"The majority of the other slums are our

friends. It's not only us anymore, now we do business with each other," said the leader, sat at a desk with his face hidden by a black ski mask. He would only give his name as Anderson.

He said rampant inflation is forcing the gang to be even more active as it seeks to cover sky-rocketing costs for weapons, drugs and even food.

"We used to do one job a month. Right now we are doing them every week," Anderson said, before a phone pinged with news of a drug delivery. Venezuela's economy suffered 181 percent inflation and shrank nearly 6 percent last year, and is expected to perform worse in 2016. Basic products are scarce and food riots regular.

Unlike a growing array of other armed groups in Venezuela — which include pro-government gangs and some small rural guerrilla and right-wing paramilitary forces — the street gangs are largely apolitical.

But as their reach grows, they are another destabilizing factor for President Nicolas Maduro, who is already struggling to govern a nation that is running short of food and medicines despite vast oil reserves and has one of the world's highest murder rates.

He has responded with aggressive raids by soldiers and police, a policy supported by many people sick of criminals but which rights groups say leads to executions and arbitrary arrests.

Some criminologists warn the raids encourage gangs to seek out ever heavier weaponry in defense.

While some gangs are teaming up, there are still turf battles and internal disputes, and Venezuela is seeing more of the spectacular violence associated with Mexico's more powerful drug cartels. Police showed Reuters images of bodies left mutilated, hanging from bridges, or beheaded.

As he spoke, Anderson's henchman prowled around him, waving sniper rifles and pistols, changing ammunition clips and peering through a narrow window onto the rooftops and steep alleyways below, as reggae music drifted up. **REUTERS**

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US tax code may allow dramatic retaliation in EU Apple case

U.S. tax law gives the Obama administration power to double tax rates for European companies should it choose to dramatically escalate a dispute with the European Union over Apple's tax bill.

Experts said the administration was unlikely to take such a drastic measure, and even if it did, courts might strike down that action because of treaties.

Section 891 of the U.S. tax code, passed in 1934 but never used, allows the president to double tax rates for citizens and corporations of any country the administration considered was discriminating against U.S. companies.

The U.S. Treasury on Wednesday declined to comment on whether

Washington was considering such drastic measures, which Democratic and Republican lawmakers have proposed putting on the table due to what they see as overreach by the European Commission in a tax grab targeting American companies.

The European Commission on Monday ordered the U.S. technology giant to pay up to \$14.5 billion in back taxes to Ireland.

"This is an option that is viable only in the minds of a handful of analysts who seem willing to put the entire global trade order at risk," said Edward Kleinbard, a professor at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Treasury Secretary Jack Lew has said the



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European Commission action appeared highly focused on U.S. companies but did not mention measures the United States might take. A Treasury spokesperson on Tuesday said the department would work with the EU to prevent erosion of tax bases.

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BRIEF

Maine governor says will not resign amid racism flap

Maine Gov. Paul LePage said on Wednesday he will not resign and is seeking spiritual advice after unleashing an obscenity-laden voicemail message on a political rival, as state lawmakers mulled whether to vote to censure the Republican.

The famously combative two-term governor apologized for the second day in a row to the people of Maine and to

state Representative Drew Gattine after calling the Democrat a "little son-of-a-bitch, socialist cocksucker" in a voicemail message that has been widely circulated.

"I will not resign," LePage told reporters in his office in the state capital Augusta, a day after he openly discussed the possibility in a radio appearance.

LePage's angry voicemail followed an exchange with a

newspaper reporter who asked about comments the governor had made blaming black and Hispanic people for the heroin trade in the northeastern state. The reporter named Gattine as someone who had raised concerns about the comments, though both agree the Democrat never called the governor a racist.

The voicemail ended with LePage urging Gattine to share it widely "because I am

after you."

After meeting with Gattine on Wednesday, LePage said, "He never called me racist. He said I made racially comments. Maybe in my mind it is semantics but in his mind after talking to him it was clear that there was a real difference."

LePage, whose term runs through 2018, said he "will be seeking spiritual guidance with my wife and my children."

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Plant yourself on any big city corner and ask "Who should be the next president?" Polls say you're going to hear Hillary Clinton's name a lot. Heck, forget the polls. Most of you reading this live and/or work in cities and your experience tells you it's true. I was in Boston a few days ago, and the favored status of the Democratic nominee was palpable.

But as I was leaving, I drove past the point where the city gives way to countryside and there was a man on a walkway above the road. He had a huge smile, he was waving and he was pointing to a large sign above the traffic with a single word: Trump. Just like that, I was in the other America — where the Republican nominee is taken much, much more seriously.

And depending on where you stand, seeing from one America to the other can be difficult.

This is no surprise. For decades now the electorate has been growing ever more Balkanized; Democrats clustering mainly in the urban areas, Republicans overrunning many suburbs and beyond.

Some of this is because the parties have gerrymandered "safe" voting districts dominated by one political viewpoint. Some of it is because, like birds of a feather, humans flock together with those who share similar opinions. And some of it is because economic worries for cities and "everywhere else" are often quite different — meaning political solutions to those problems are different, too.

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Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."
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The result: In great swaths of the nation, people are so surrounded by like-minded individuals, they can't imagine the "other" candidate could really win, or that his/her supporters are truly good, thoughtful citizens.

But in a lifetime of travels I have found the "other" America is really a great deal like your own no matter where you stand — full of people who care deeply about their country, their fellow citizens, equality, opportunity, fairness and justice. And if we can keep reminding ourselves of that fact, perhaps we — the people — can yet emerge victorious, no matter who wins this dreadful race.

BRIEF

Supreme Court rejects bid to reinstate North Carolina voting limits

The Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected a bid by North Carolina to reinstate for November's elections several voting restrictions, including a requirement that people show identification at the polls.

The court, divided in part 4-4, rejected a request made by Republican Gov. Pat McCrory after an appeals court ruled last month that the 2013 law discriminates against minority voters. Five votes are needed for an emergency request to be granted.

The brief order noted that three of the court's conservatives, including Chief Justice John Roberts, would have

allowed the voter identification provision and limits on early voting to be in effect for the election. Justice Clarence Thomas agreed on that point, but was the only justice to say he would have also allowed a requirement blocking pre-registration of 16-year-olds to stay in place.

McCrory's lawyers said the status quo should be maintained so close to the election, citing court precedent in their favor. The Richmond, Virginia-based 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on July 29 that the law intentionally discriminated against minority voters. The same court refused to put its decision on hold for the Nov. 8 election.

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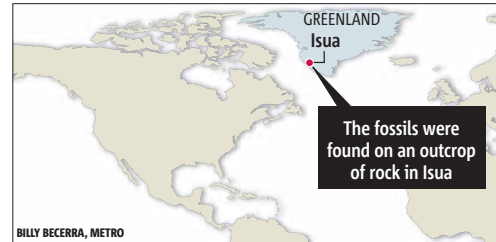
Oldest fossils found in Greenland,
from time Earth was like Mars

The earliest fossil evidence of life on Earth has been found in rocks 3.7 billion years old in Greenland, raising chances of life on Mars aeons ago when both planets were similarly desolate, scientists said on Wednesday.

The experts found tiny humps, between 0.4 and 1.6 inches tall, in rocks at Isua in southwest Greenland that they said were fossilized groups of microbes similar to ones now found in seas from Bermuda to Australia.

If confirmed as fossilized communities of bacteria known as stromatolites — rather than a freak natural formation — the lumps would pre-date fossils found in Australia as the earliest evidence of life on Earth by 220 million years.

"This indicates the Earth was no longer some sort of hell 3.7 billion years ago," lead author



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Allen Nutman, of the University of Wollongong, told Reuters of the findings that were published in the journal Nature.

"It was a place where life could flourish."

Earth formed about 4.6 billion years ago and the relative sophistication of stromatolites indicated that life had evolved quickly after a bombardment by asteroids ended about 4 billion years ago.

"Stromatolites contain billions of bacteria ...

they're making the equivalent of apartment complexes," said Martin Van Kranendonk, a co-

author at the University of New South Wales who identified the previously oldest fossils, dating from 3.48 billion years ago.

At the time stromatolites started growing in gooey masses on a forgotten seabed, the Earth was probably similar to Mars with liquid water at the surface, orbiting a sun that was 30 percent dimmer than today, the scientists said.

Those parallels could be a new spur to study whether Mars once had life, the authors said.

"Suddenly, Mars may look even more prom-

ising than before as a potential abode for past life," Abigail Allwood, of the California Institute of Technology, wrote in a commentary in Nature.

The Greenland find was made after a retreat of snow and ice exposed long-hidden rocks. Greenland's government hopes that a thaw linked to global warming will have positive spin-offs, such as exposing more minerals.

Nutman said the main controversy was likely to be that the fossils were in metamorphic rocks, reckoned to have formed under huge stress with temperatures up to 1,022 degrees Fahrenheit — usually too high to preserve any trace of life.

Still, Van Kranendonk told Reuters that dried-out biological material could sometimes survive such a baking, adding he was "absolutely convinced" by the Greenland fossils. **REUTERS**

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Alicia Vikander goes to the dark side

Alicia Vikander and Michael Fassbender play a couple in post-World War I Australia who make a horrible decision in "The Light Between Oceans." **DAVI RUSSO**



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THE FUN STARTS HERE

The Oscar-winner talks "The Light Between Oceans" and being bad at American football.



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After winning an Oscar, Alicia Vikander is taking it easy — sort of. Last year she had eight films. This year she has "only" two. They offer very different challenges, though. In "Jason Bourne" she stormed into her first action movie. In the new "The Light Between Oceans," the latest from Derek Cianfrance ("Blue Valentine"), she goes to truly dark places.

In "Oceans," Vikander plays Isabel, a young woman in post-World War I Australia who marries a shy lighthouse keeper (played by her real-life paramour, Michael Fassbender). When they're unable to conceive a child, they

wind up keeping a baby girl they rescue from a boating accident — and, less nobly, not returning her when they later meet her biological mother (Rachel Weisz). The Oscar-winner, 27, talks to us about making a film in remote Australia and being good at at least one type of football.

Derek Cianfrance seems like one of those film-makers actors die to work with.

I contacted him before I even knew "The Light Between Oceans" was going to be made. I wanted to know how he worked, because his films always feel so authentic and real. I always feel when I'm in my seat at the cinema that I shouldn't be in the same rooms as the characters. They feel very private.

He has a very unusual way of shooting, including starting scenes earlier than written. How did you adjust to it?

The first time I met [Derek], he said, "I expect my actors to fail and to surprise me. And in return I will give them experiences and memories." He kept his word. It's always tough to take that leap, to believe and not be afraid. And it's easy, in whatever you do, to repeat something that works. But by doing these things, you had someone who led you down a new path. Because everything just happened. They were different each time. There was a lot of nerve involved, but I think it really brings an edge and a reality to it.

Most of this film was shot on location on a remote Australian peninsula, with a small crew and a very small number of actors. Were you reluctant to have that level of intimacy and isolation?

Derek really didn't want us to get off [the peninsula]. He said, "I want the whole crew to stay out there Monday through

Friday and live there while we're shooting." I remember thinking, "That's taking it a bit too far." [Laughs] I said to him, "I'm not Method. I will do a deep dive [into the work], but I kind of need to have a normal life, too." I think everyone felt the same way. We agreed to give him two days a week. We'd get up early in the morning and watch the sunrises. We cooked our food and had barbecues and played football. It was a drama camp kind of thing.

How's your football?
I'm very bad.

And is this American football or what Americans call soccer?

It was American, which I had never played before. I do play soccer, or what I consider to be football.

If we read the story of what happens to Tom and Isabel in a newspaper, we'd certainly think of them as monsters. But

the movie allows us to see their life before they made the decision, therefore making us empathize with people we'd probably write off.

When we hear the dilemma they have, we know what's right and what's wrong. I actually wanted to play a villain, because I'm so used to not playing that. But I couldn't see her that way. That's what happens when you get the backstory — when you learn what led them down a certain path. It's a gray zone. That's a very good thing to bring into the world we're in at the moment.



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Alicia Vikander and Michael Fassbender play a couple in 1920s Australia who make a horrible decision in "The Light Between Oceans." DANI RUSSO

"The Light Between Oceans"

Director: Derek Cianfrance
Stars: Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander
Rating: PG-13

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It's best not to think of "The Light Between Oceans" as a gimmick. That gimmick would be this: Take a stuffy period piece and grime it up with true grit. Read that way, it's a disappointment. Taken as a movie that only slightly funks up the pageantry, however, and the latest from Derek Cianfrance — the anguished dramatist of "Blue

Valentine" and "The Place Beyond the Pines" — is a solid and admirably muted melodrama.

Like "Pines," Cianfrance divides the film up into three very different sections. The first shows the courtship between Michael Fassbender's Tom, a shy World War I vet-turned-lonely lighthouse keeper, and Isabel (Alicia Vikander), a local beauty who's very much his opposite. They struggle to procreate, which proves so difficult that by the time a dinghy washes ashore with a baby, they agree to keep her and pass her off as their own — even after they later ID the real mother (Rachel Weisz).

As usual, Cianfrance encourages his actors to suffer mightily. What he doesn't do is have them go big. The filmmaker has called his third outing a "John Cassavetes movie in a David Lean landscape," but unlike Cassavetes' heroes, Fassbender and Vikander are rarely asked to speak, let alone shout. Emotions tend to be held inside. Only in the third section, when things get truly hairy, do you sense Cianfrance losing his sense of precision, and wasting what's likely a devastating Weisz turn. Still, it's a melodrama that doesn't need grime to make it interesting or wrenching. **MATT PRIGGE**



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'Narcos' star Boyd Holbrook is back to chasing Escobar

He's the voice behind the hit Netflix show and the face of the action.

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"Narcos," the sleeper Netflix hit series about the rise and fall of Colombian drug kingpin Pablo Escobar, finally returns Friday for Season 2 — which is all about the drug kingpin's demise.

Boyd Holbrook, 34, previously known for "Milk" and "Gone Girl," not only stars in the show as DEA Agent Steve Murphy — who along with his partner, Agent Javier Pena (played by Pedro Pascal), led the manhunt for Escobar in the '80s and '90s — but also provides its narration, in a voice-over many have compared to Ray Liotta's in "Goodfellas."

"There's so much interaction on the show where you have to read, unless you're bilingual. And then there's the history, the action," explains Holbrook about his approach to narrating. "There's all these dynamics going on, so I wanted to enable people to get into a kind of trance with the show, and take them into the show that way."

Before the premiere, we spoke with the Kentucky native about what we can expect from the next 10 episodes, which are out on Netflix this Friday at midnight.

Tell us about the preparation and training.
I didn't do any physical training, but we did get to go to Quantico



Boyd Holbrook plays a DEA agent on "Narcos," whose second season hits Netflix on Friday. JUAN PABLO GUTIERREZ/NETFLIX

for a week, Pedro and I. Javier and Steve got us in to train with the DEA. For me that was really eye-opening, you know, running into houses with rubber bullets and flying at each other. It was pretty intensive, you really get to see what it's like in their situation.

What are some of your favorite films/shows about guys on both sides of the law?

I don't think there's a show that's ever been better than "Breaking Bad," in terms of that sort of genre.

Is your Spanish better than Murphy's?

The actual Murphy, no, but my Spanish is better than the Murphy I play on the show. Much better! Unfortunately, I

didn't have a Colombian girlfriend to help me out with my Spanish, but I was [in Colombia] pretty much for 18 months, so you have to learn a little bit, even though we're working five days a week — I mean that's my focus — but it's natural to pick up some.

Your Instagram shows you posing in front of waterfalls, surfing, etc. What were some of your favorite places you visited while filming?

I tried to experience South America as much as possible. I was in Patagonia quite a bit, took a bunch of motorcycle trips, got my PADI license for scuba diving. I did all kinds of cool sh—.

Were you at all surprised at how popular the show

has been? Have you seen Mindy Kaling's Instagrams of you guys in the jungle?

I don't know who Mindy Kaling is ... I'll figure out who that is. Yeah, I really had no idea the show would do as well as it has. The first year was really hard on us, it was difficult, how extreme of a location we were working at. I would say we were pioneering the film industry down in Colombia.

What can viewers expect from Season 2, now that Escobar's demise is imminent?

It's fascinating, it's really interesting to already know the historical outcome of it all but to see how it actually happens — Pablo's rise to king status, and then how it unravels.



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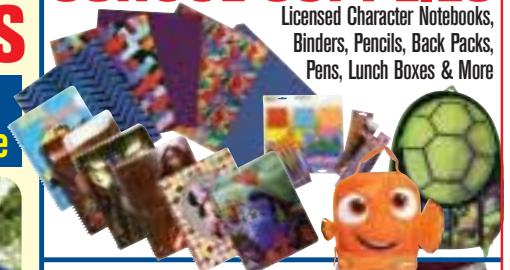
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If you didn't get out of town this summer, you can at least feel like you're on a beach getaway at these parties. Kick off Labor Day weekend early Thursday at **The Hall at MP's Caribbean Jerk & Reggae Fest**, where live bands bring the island vibes while you feast on jerk chicken, Jamaican hot-pepper shrimp and more (through Saturday). **One Love Day Party** at Space Ibiza's Orbit Nightclub on Sept. 4 starts with a rum punch open bar (3 p.m.-4 p.m.) then rolls into a free soul-food buffet. Looking for a pool party? The McCarren Hotel is transforming its deck into the **Corona Electric Beach** on Sept. 5, headlined by Major Lazer member Jillionaire plus beer tastings and the usual menu of signature hot dogs and house-made ice pops.

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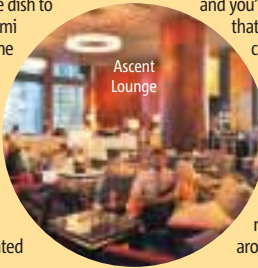


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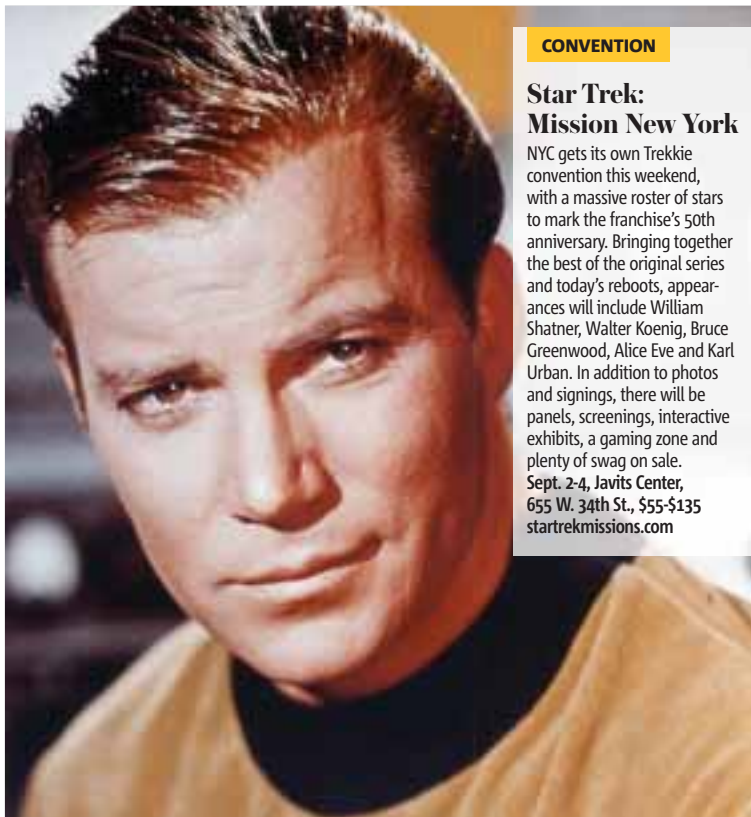
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CONVENTION

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ARTS

'Blunderland'

If you're tired of conventional cabaret, "Blunderland" is for you. Promising a night unlike any other you've experienced, the show is a scandalous mix of circus acts, comedy, burlesque and queer art with the tagline "Please come prepared for anything."

Sept. 1, 8 p.m., House of Yes, 2 Wyckoff Ave., Brooklyn, \$20, houseofyes.org

TRIP

Earth, Sea, Sky

Explore the ruins of an eccentric immigrant's weapons arsenal on an island in the Hudson River. Atlas Obscura whisks you out of Manhattan for a ferry ride to Bannermans Castle on Polepell Island. As the sun sets, an art installation made of lights (Melissa McGill's "Constellation") will reveal itself to explorers. Part history, part art, part travel, it's the perfect day Labor Day escape.

Sept. 3, 5:30 p.m., meet at Grand Central Station, 89 E. 42nd St., \$78, atlasobscura.com

OFFBEAT

Coney Island Beard and Moustache Competition

Get yourself into a bit of a hairy situation this Saturday when men — and women — bring their best facial hair to be judged in Coney Island, in categories like Brass Ring (best in show), Hokum and Hoodwinked (best fakes), Come Out to Play (team participation) and Carny Trash (worst in show). While the judges debate, Serpentina and the Flying Kavaddo Brothers will entertain.

Sept. 3, 8 p.m., Sideshows by the Seashore, 1208 Surf Ave., Brooklyn, \$20, coneyisland.com

ARTS

Elsie Fest

Broadway's top names take a trip to Coney for Elsie Fest, an all-day, outdoor showtune festival benefitting Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. This year's performers include Megan Hilty ("Smash"), Titus Burgess ("Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt") and Darren Criss ("Glee"). There will also be a special number by 2016 Tony Award-winner Cynthia Erivo ("The Color Purple").

Sept. 5, 1 p.m., Ford Amphitheater, 3052 W. 21st St., Brooklyn, \$30-\$125, elsiefest.com

MUSIC

Sessions at the Circle: Leslie Odom Jr.

We were all sad when Leslie Odom Jr. packed up his Tony and left "Hamilton," but that means you can see him for free next Tuesday at the Shops at Columbus Circle. A recently announced surprise, the singer — who also just released his first solo album this summer — will be closing out the free Sessions at the Circle jazz series. Obviously, you're going to want to get there super early; Odom would be the first to tell you that you could lose out if you wait for it.

Sept. 6, 6 p.m., 10 Columbus Circle, second floor, free, theshopsatcolumbuscircle.com

TALK

'The Newest Dish on Jewish Fish'

If you've been out to brunch lately you've probably noticed a lot of fish that you're more used to seeing on the menus at Jewish delis. Where did this trend come from? A talk at the Center for Jewish History examines the

topic with authors like Ina Yalof ("Food and the City") and Ezra Gliner ("Modern Jewish Cooking"). Tickets include a special tour of the current exhibit "Nourishing Tradition: Jewish Cookbooks and the Stories They Tell."

Sept. 7, 7 p.m., Center for Jewish History, 15 W. 16th St., \$15, cjh.org

BOOKS

'John Lennon vs. the USA' book talk

Immigration is a hot topic right now, but who is and isn't allowed to stay in the U.S. is a debate that's been going on since the country's founding. And sometimes, the "offender" is not who you'd think. This new book revisits the time the federal government tried to deport John Lennon and Yoko Ono, who will discuss the ordeal at the book's launch on Wednesday, followed by a reception and signing, at the Jacob Burn Court Room at the Cardozo Law School. Pianist Alfio will perform a special rendition of Lennon's "Imagine."

Sept. 7, 7 p.m., 55 Fifth Ave.

ARTS

'Toruk — The First Flight'

Picture this mind trip: Cirque du Soleil meets "Avatar." Yes, James Cameron's 2009 hit has indeed been reimagined as an aerial and acrobatic spectacular by one of the world's most well-known and talented troupes. "Toruk — The First Flight" is coming to Barclays Center next week as part of its current tour, featuring light projections, soundscapes and immersive staging that help bring the story about blue alien tree-huggers to life.

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New Men's Sex Pill Makes Viagra Obsolete

Soaring demand expected for new scientific advance made just for older men. Works on both men's physical ability and their desire in bed.

By Harlan S. Waxman
Health News Syndicate

New York – If you're like the rest of us guys over 50; you probably already know the truth... "Viagra" doesn't work! Simply getting an erection doesn't fix the problem" says Dr. Bassam Damaj, chief scientific officer at the world famous Innovus Pharma Laboratories.

As we get older, we need more help in bed. Not only does our desire fade; but erections can be soft or feeble, one of the main complaints with Viagra*. Besides, Viagra* is expensive... costing as much as \$50.00 a pill.

Plus, it does nothing to stimulate your brain to want sex. "I don't care what you take, if you aren't interested in sex, you can't get or keep an erection. It's physiologically impossible," said Dr. Damaj.

MADE JUST FOR MEN OVER 50

But now, for the first time ever, there's a pill made just for older men. It's called Vesele*. A new pill that helps you get an erection by stimulating your body and your brainwaves. So Vesele* can work even when nothing else worked before.

The new men's pill is not a drug. It's something completely different

Because you don't need a prescription for Vesele*, sales are exploding. The maker just can't produce enough of it to keep up with demand. Even doctors are having a tough time getting their hands on it. So what's all the fuss about?

WORKS ON YOUR HEAD AND YOUR BODY

The new formula takes on erectile problems with a whole new twist. It doesn't just address the physical problems of getting older; it works on the mental part of sex too. Unlike Viagra*, the new pill stimulates your sexual brain chemistry as well. Actually helping you regain the passion and burning desire you had for your partner again. So you will want sex with the hunger and stamina of a 25-year-old.

THE BRAIN/ERECTION CONNECTION

Vesele takes off where Viagra* only begins. Thanks to a discovery made by 3 Nobel-Prize winning scientists; Vesele* has become the first ever patented supplement to harden you and your libido. So you regain your desire as well as the ability to act on it.

In a 16-week clinical study; scientists from the U.S.A. joined forces to prove Nitric Oxide's effects on the cardio vascular system. They showed that Nitric Oxide could not only increase your ability to get an erection, it would also work on your brainwaves to stimulate your desire for sex. The results were remarkable and published in the world's most respected medical journals.

THE SCIENCE OF SEX

The study asked men, 45 to 65 years old to take the main ingredient in Vesele* once a day. Then they were instructed not to change the way they eat or exercise but to take Vesele* twice a day. **What happened next was remarkable.** Virtually every man in the study who took Vesele* twice a day reported a huge difference in their desire for sex. In layman's terms, they were horny again. They also experienced harder erections that lasted for almost 20 minutes. The placebo controlled group (who received sugar pills) mostly saw no difference.

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"Once we saw the results we knew we had a game-changer said Dr. Damaj. We get hundreds of calls a day from people begging us for a bottle. It's been crazy. We try to meet the crushing demand for Vesele*."



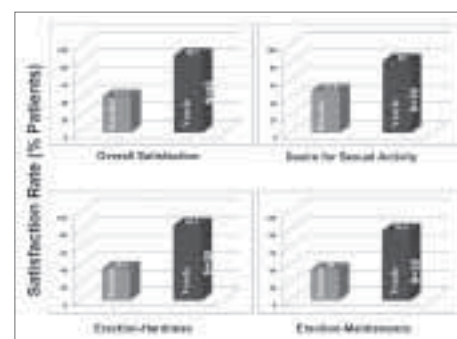
DOCTOR: "VESELE* PASSED THE TEST"

"As a doctor, I've studied the effectiveness of Nitric Oxide on the body and the brain. I'm impressed by the way it increases cerebral and penile blood flow. The result is evident in the creation of Vesele*. It's sure-fire proof that the mind/body connection is unbeatable when achieving and maintaining an erection and the



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Hong Kong

This city is for active travelers who want to experience a new place together on their honeymoon. Hong Kong is one of the food capitals of the world, so it's a good idea to spend your days restaurant-hopping and

Amalfi Coast, Italy

Indulge in la dolce vita with extravagant shopping, long wine-fueled lunches and lazy afternoons on the beach in what is undeniably one of the most romantic places in the world. For a short visit, base yourself in Positano and do a few day trips, but if you have time, try and do an overnight in Capri and Ravello.



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Hong Kong
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trying everything that the city has to offer — from traditional Cantonese to trendy modern Italian. If you get tired of city life, hike the Dragon's Back for a bird's-eye view of Victoria Harbour or head to nearby Repulse Bay for some beach time.

Marrakech

This bustling city is a romantic setting for honeymooners. Spend your days shopping in the souks, getting spa treatments at a traditional hammam, and finding hidden gem restaurants

at night. If you have the time, head into the Atlas Mountains for a glamping experience.

Whitsunday Islands

You can't find more
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strands of the Whitsunday Islands. A national park situated right on the Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsundays are perfect for couples that want to scuba dive and snorkel. Rent a sailboat to explore the islands or just relax on one of the perfect beaches.

Utah

With five national parks (and countless state parks and national monuments), Utah should be on every traveler's list. The southern part of the state is full of natural wonders like the spires of Bryce Canyon, Arizona's iconic wave and the red walls of Glen Canyon.

Loire Valley

Spend your days drinking Champagne, touring wineries and chateaux, and spending the night at posh bed-and-breakfasts

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Iceland

A short direct flight from the U.S. makes this a hassle-free destination that combines a thriving music, arts and nightlife scene with a sublime natural backdrop. Explore the waterfalls, glaciers and volcanoes around the island before relaxing at the Blue Lagoon on your way home.

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Pisco sour pro

You've got to love a hotel that includes a mixology class and ceviche-making lessons with your room rate. Sumaq Machu Picchu in Aguas Calientes sits at the gateway to the ancient Incan ruins. After a day exploring Machu Picchu, settle in for a fun session with the hotel's bartenders and chefs,

where you'll learn how to get the egg white foam just right for Peru's national cocktail. You'll also be taught how to prepare a perfectly balanced *leche de tigre* for your ceviche (and indulge in the fruits of your labor).

Island paradise

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Luxury in the Andes

Within easy distance of Cusco, the Maras salt mines and Machu Picchu, the Inkaterria Hacienda Urubamba in the Sacred Valley is worthy of its otherworldly Andean setting. The experience here is an exclusive one, with nightly cocktail hour, birding excursions and tours of ecological farms included in your room rate. All 36 rooms (some with fireplaces) have spectacular Andes views, blankets made from baby alpaca wool and lush Pima cotton sheets to make sure you're bedded down in ultimate comfort.

Feasts with a view

Since Incan times, farming has been a major activity in the Urubamba Valley, where over 200 varieties of corn and some 350 varieties of quinoa are grown. You

can taste the fruits of all that fertile soil with some of the most unbelievable scenery (the Andes and the rushing Urubamba River) as a backdrop during riverside lunches at Tambo del Inka hotel. Chefs prepare an alfresco spread of dishes with freshly caught river trout, locally produced cheese, and bountiful fruits and vegetables grown just a few yards from where you dine.

Urban waves

Peru's surf-rich Pacific coast has long lured those looking to hang ten in an exotic locale, but you don't have to know what you're doing to try the sport right in Peru's busy capital. The instructors at Pukana Surf School — located on Makaha Beach in the city's stylish Miraflores district — will get you paddling out in no time. There are no currents or rocks on the beach here, making it a great place to learn.

Ancient artifacts

A visit to Lima's Larco Museum is a wondrous experience, with a spectacular private collection of pre-Columbian artifacts spanning 3,000 years of history. Housed inside an 18th-century ranch house that's covered nearly to the rooftop in bougainvillea, the collection includes pottery masterpieces, exquisite gold masks, children's burial shrouds complete with mummies inside, and a vast array of beaded gold and silver jewelry. A separate erotic gallery is worth an ogle, too.



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Colin Kaepernick continues to say that he will sit during the playing of the national anthem prior to NFL games. GETTY IMAGES

KAEPERNICK SHOWING LITTLE CLASS, RESPECT

OPINION

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San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick has clearly been hit in the head one too many times.

Since Kaepernick was an integral part of the Niners' run to Super Bowl XLVII in 2012, his play on the field has taken a significant nosedive. Kaepernick has played himself into a tough spot in San Francisco, and to

make matters worse he's now making national headlines for all the wrong reasons. The only person Kaepernick has to thank for this story not gaining more attention than it already has this week is Anthony Weiner. (That guy just cannot stop taking pictures of his junk.)

We all know the story by now. Kaepernick will not stand during the presentation of Francis Scott Key's "Star Spangled Banner," which is played prior to every game in the National Football League. Kaepernick states, "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black

people and people of color," in regards to how he believes that the American government is addressing the issues minority groups in the United States face.

Listen, I understand that Colin has the right as a citizen of the United States to voice his opinion, but why does he call all of this attention to himself? Kaepernick scored a 38 on the Wonderlic Test, putting him near the top of his peers when it comes to intelligence, but obviously his knowledge of techniques in raising awareness about issues facing minorities is lacking.

I was only half joking when I said that Kaepernick had been hit in the head one too many times because it concerns me that he did not realize that there are smarter ways to go about raising awareness. By refusing to pay respect to the Americans that have worked hard to make it possible for an American citizen like himself to use their skills to make millions of dollars is hypocritical on his part. Far before Colin Kaepernick the human being was even a thought, there were Americans who put their lives on the line to make sure every future American citizen had the

right to pursue their dreams.

Here is a thought to ponder: When Kaepernick was born, his mother put him up for adoption and a family was fortunately, for his sake, there to adopt him. Lucky for little Colin, over 100 years before he was born Massachusetts passed the 1851 Adoption of Children Act, which recognized adoption as a social and legal operation based on child welfare rather than adult interests. The same Americans that had a part in making the 1851 Adoption of Children Act a reality undoubtedly performed the simple act of standing for the national

anthem as a way to honor their country.

Without those Americans, Colin Kaepernick would not be in the position he is today.

At this point, this has become an issue with Kaepernick and other professional athletes' egos more than anything. If you are so concerned with issues that minorities face in America, quit your job as a failed NFL quarterback, put your millions of dollars towards the cause and subsequently run for political office. Instead, we have politicians sending dick pics, and distracting the American public to the real issues they face.

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Venus Williams has spent much of this summer smiling because of the career resurgence she is enjoying, but her Olympic doubles partner says there's a more serious side of Venus that not everybody gets to see.

"On the court, the thing that stood out the most was just how fearless she was," said Rajeev Ram, who won a silver medal at the Rio Olympics while playing mixed doubles alongside Williams. "It didn't matter the situation, it didn't matter the moment, she believed that she was going to be able to deliver and I think that's a pretty unique quality."

Venus, now 36 and the No. 6 seed in women's singles at the U.S. Open, may appear graceful on the court and happy off it, but there's an inner competitive fire that has fueled her success across an 18-year career that has seen her win seven Grand Slam singles and 14 major doubles titles.

"Well, I told [Ram] when we got on the court, it looks like I'm really nice but I'm not," Williams said. "I think he learned that. ...I think he got to know that I don't take a loss for an answer."

Williams and Ram did lose the gold-medal match to fellow Americans Jack Sock and Bethanie Mattek-Sands, but the medal highlighted



Venus Williams will be in action Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

Williams' resurgence at an age when many tennis players are long retired from the tour.

By winning the silver, Williams became the first American woman to medal in all three events (singles, doubles and mixed); her five medals mean she now shares the record for most Olympic medals won in tennis.

This summer, she also reached the semifinals at Wimbledon — her first Grand Slam semifinal since the 2010 US Open — before losing to Angelique Kerber. Kerber would lose in the final to Venus' younger sister, Serena Williams, the world No. 1 who is shooting for a record 23rd Open-era Grand Slam singles title at the Open.

As a result of her success this summer, Venus ascended to No. 6 in the rankings, her highest

position since being diagnosed in 2011 with Sjögren's syndrome, an autoimmune disease of salivary and tear glands which can cause excessive fatigue among other things.

"As an athlete, you're always aiming for perfection, you want more and more and more," she said of the syndrome. "It's never enough. That's what I'm looking forward to, to peak every time I get on the court. That pretty much doesn't happen 'cause I'm always wanting to be better."

Here at the Open, she won her opening-round match on Tuesday over Kateryna Kozlova, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4. Next up is German Julia Goerges on Thursday, when Serena will also play her second-round match against fellow American Vania King in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

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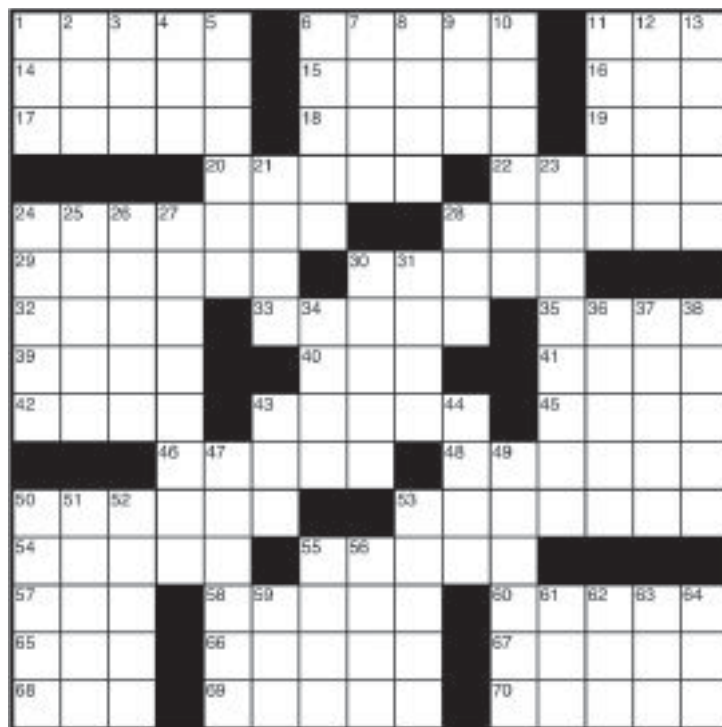
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Leo An important relationship will help you achieve your goals. The support you receive and the ideas that spring from discussions you have will set you on a fruitful course.



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Libra Try to understand what the people close to you are experiencing. Tolerance and understanding will be necessary if you want to avoid drama. Focus on self-improvement.



Scorpio Put your heart and soul into whatever project you take on. A creative approach will show any competition that you are not one to mess with. Do your own thing.



Sagittarius Deception and disillusionment will set in if you are gullible and you believe everything you hear. Don't worry about what others do or say. Take pride in yourself.



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